

Success Story: Brookside Mills Knox County, TN

The 19.4-acre vacant Brookside Mills site in Knox County, Tennessee started its industrial life in 1885 when it was a textile mill and at its peak employed about 1,000 people. It was formerly used for fabric weaving, dying, sewing operations and as a department store, and during a portion of its history coal was used as an energy source.

The redevelopment of this former brownfield has supported the county's focus on encouraging new and expanding businesses to locate near the urban core in economically-distressed areas, using incentives offered through EPA's Brownfield Program and other local and state programs. Phase I and II environmental assessments were completed on the Brookside Mills site using funding from an EPA 104(k) Brownfields Assessment grant. In 2012, Holston Gases announced they are expanding their business in Knoxville on the Brookside Mills property, and brought more jobs to the area.

Read more at: <http://www.holstongases.com/2011/10/press-release-holston-gases-is-expanding/>

Right: Prior to re-use and re-development, illegal dumping was common at the site.

Below: Today, the site is home to Holston Gases

